

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed on 11/18/03 & Examiner's Amdt on 8/16/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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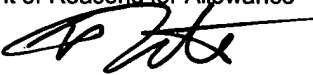
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jerome Gold on August 16, 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE BACKGROUND

On page 1, lines 7 and 13, "Said hand" should be changed to -- The hand --;
line 8, "protectors are" should be changed to -- protectors is --

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

On page 1, line 1. "FIG !" should be changed to -- FIG. 1 --;
line 4, "a leather outer layer. Fig 1, section 1" has been changed to -- a
outer layer (1) --;
line 7, "and its sections is" should be changed to -- illustrates--;
line 10, "FIG 2 sections 1, 5" has been changed to -- (1, 5) --;

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line 11, after "thereof" insert -- as shown in FIG. 2 -- and "The leather outer layers, FIG 2 sections 1, 5 has been changed to -- The outer layers (1,5);

line 13, "padding which will be described hereinafter. FIG 2 sections 2, 4 consist of" should be changed to -- padding. Sections (2,4) as shown in FIG. 2 consist of --;

line 15, "FIG. 2 sections 2,4" should be changed to -- sections (2,4) --;

line 16, " of FIG. 2 section 1" has been changed to -- (1) --;

line 17, "of FIG 2 section 3" should be changed to --(3) --;

line 18, "of FIG 2 section 2,4" should be changed to --(2, 4) --;

line 19, "of FIG 2 section 1, 5" should be changed to --(1, 5) --;

line 21, "of FIG.2 section 3, the material of FIG. 2 section 3 is then" should be changed to -- (3). The impact material (3) is --;

line 22, "within for" should be changed to -- by forming --.

On page 2, delete lines 1-23 and substitute the following:

-- FIG. 1 illustrates the outer cover of a glove that is sufficient to fit the human hand. The glove is made of any fabric, leather, nylon, or any other similar type material thereof. FIG. 1 illustrates pocket type enclosures (2-12) being positioned on the back of the hand. Each of the first individual

pocket enclosures (4, 6, 8, 10, 12) covering the respective areas of each of the fingers and the thumb are positioned between the knuckles and the first finger joint adjacent thereto. Furthermore, each of the second individual pocket enclosures (3, 5, 7, 9, 11) covers the respective areas of each finger between the second finger joint being adjacent to a distal end thereof and the first finger joint.

Further, the second individual pocket with respect to the thumb is positioned between the first finger joint and distal end thereof as shown in fig.

1.

The first and second pocket enclosures are formed specifically to receive the high strength lightweight impact resistant material. Foam or a foam type material (2,4) is directly layered onto the inner surface of the outer cover layers (1,5) to conform together of which the layers are then formed and stitched into a pocket type enclosure with an opening sufficient to receive the high strength lightweight impact material (3). The opening of the individual formed pocked are stitched to enclose the impact material therein.

Furthermore, the respective individual pocket enclosures (3-12) on each of the fingers and the thumb extends side to side as shown in figure 1. Also, a third enclosure pocket (2) of the hand protector extends to substantially cover the area of the back of the hand.

IN THE ABSTRACT

In the abstract, on line 1, "An improved" should be changed to -- A --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 have been substituted with new claims 9-12 as follows:

Claim 9. (NEW) A high strength impact resistant hand protector comprising
essentially in combination:

 a glove including an outer layer with a plurality of first individual
pocket enclosures covering the respective areas of each of the fingers and
the thumb being positioned between the knuckles and the first finger joint
adjacent thereto;

 a plurality of second individual pocket enclosures
covering the respective areas of each of the fingers being positioned
between the second finger joint that is adjacent to a distal end thereof and the first
finger joint; wherein the second individual pocket with respect to the thumb
is positioned between the first finger joint and distal end thereof;

 a third enclosure pocket of the hand protector extends to
substantially cover the area of the back of the hand;

 a single piece of high strength, lightweight impact resistant

material having a layer of impact resistant foam padding that is secured onto both sides thereof being positioned within the first, second and third pocket enclosures;

the impact material received within the respective first and second individual pockets enclosures on each of the fingers and the thumb of the glove extends side to side on the back of the hand.

Claim 10. (NEW). The hand protector of claim 9 wherein the high strength, lightweight material is chosen from the group comprising titanium, aluminum, steel, padding, nylon, leather, hard plastics or similar impact materials.

Claim 11. (NEW). The hand protector of claim 10 wherein the high strength, lightweight material dissipates impact force.

Claim 12. (NEW). The hand protector of claim 9 wherein the high strength impact material with the respective first, second and third enclosure pockets are stitched permanently.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 9 and its respective dependents are allowable because the prior art does not teach or suggest the recitation therein including a high strength impact resistant hand protector with a plurality of first and second individual pocket enclosures covering the respective areas of each of the fingers and the thumb in combination, a structured impact material is received within the respective first and second individual pockets enclosures on each of the fingers and the thumb that extends side to side on the back of the hand

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tejash D Patel whose telephone number is (703) 306-9184. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 872-9306.


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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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